

Docket No.: 057454-0986

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
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Kousuke OBAYASHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 6273  
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Application No.: 10/700,498 : Group Art Unit: 3682  
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Filed: November 05, 2003 : Examiner: Thomas R. Hannon  
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For: SUPPORT STRUCTURE CARRYING THRUST LOAD OF TRANSMISSION, METHOD  
OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF AND THRUST NEEDLE ROLLER BEARING

**STATUS INQUIRY**

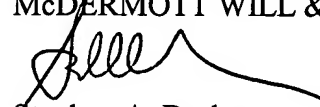
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on November 5, 2003. Since more than one and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before February 26, 2004 in the above assigned Group Art Unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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